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| 5. | Number of PWD road damaged Semi-permanent | 1773 |
| 6. | timber bridge damaged Approach to semi- | 176 Nos. |
| 7. | permanent timber bridges damaged | 779 Nos. |
| 8. | Embankments breached | 183 Nos. |

**Maintenance of old dams**

†1625. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than a hundred major dams in the country are over hundred years old and time-limit of utility of most of them has expired;

(b) whether such dams having weak structure would not cause heavy disaster at the time of national calamities like earthquake;

(c) whether any arrangement is being made at national level for secured maintenance of these dams; and

(d) the total amount of funds allocated for these dams during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There are 99 dams in the country (as per the National Register of Large Dams 2002) which have been become more than 100 years old. It cannot be said that the time limit of utility of most of them has expired, as they are still being utilized for the purpose for which they were built.

(b) Any properly engineered and maintained dam has no limit of life with regard to its safety. As per the records available in Central Water Commission, no dam has been reported weak.

(c) Maintenance of the dams is the responsibility of the State Government/dams owners. At national level, a Dam Safety Organisation (DSO) was established in Central Water Commission in May 1979 to develop guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, Check Lists, Formats for Data Book and Periodical Inspection of Dams and other dam safety literature which have been provided to all the States for guidance of the field engineers. A draft Legislation on Dam Safety has also been prepared and circulated to all the States for adoption.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

**Safety of Mullaperiyar Dam in Kerala**

1626. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the safety of Dam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to examine safety of the Mullaperiyar Dam, Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the competent authority of Kerala has sought the Central Government intervention to facilitate proper inspection of Mullaperiyar Dam;

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